

Study 84: Isaiah, Part 40

Isaiah 45

¹⁴This is what the Lord says:
“The products of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush,¹
and those tall Sabeans—
they will come over to you
and will be yours;
they will trudge behind you,
coming over to you in chains.
They will bow down before you
and plead with you, saying,
‘Surely God is with you, and there is no other;
there is no other god.’”

¹⁵Truly you are a God who has been hiding himself,
the God and Savior of Israel.

¹⁶All the makers of idols will be put to shame and disgraced;
they will go off into disgrace together.

¹⁷**But Israel will be saved by the Lord
with an everlasting salvation;
you will never be put to shame or disgraced,
to ages everlasting.**

[How will Israel be saved? **Rom 11:25-27**: I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, 26 and **in this way all Israel will be saved**. As it is written:

“The deliverer will come from Zion;
he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.
27 And this is² my covenant with them
when I take away their sins.”³

Verse 23 says: And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.]

¹⁸For this is what the Lord says—
he who created the heavens,
he is God;
he who fashioned and made the earth,
he founded it;
he did not create it to be empty,
but formed it to be inhabited—
he says:

“I am the Lord,
and there is no other.

¹⁹I have not spoken in secret,
from somewhere in a land of darkness;
I have not said to Jacob’s descendants,
‘Seek me in vain.’

I, the Lord, speak the truth;
I declare what is right.

²⁰“Gather together and come;
assemble, you fugitives from the nations.

¹ The upper Nile region

² or *will be*

³ Isa 59:20-21; 27:9 (see Septuagint); Jer 31:33,34.

Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood,
who pray to gods that cannot save.

²¹ Declare what is to be, present it—
let them take counsel together.

Who foretold this long ago,
who declared it from the distant past?

Was it not I, the Lord?

And there is no God apart from me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none but me.

²² “Turn to me and be saved,
all you ends of the earth;
for I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By myself I have sworn,
my mouth has uttered in all integrity
a word that will not be revoked:

**Before me every knee will bow;
by me every tongue will swear.**⁴

[Philippians 2:

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.]

⁴ Quoted in Phil. 2:10 and applies it to *Jesus*, a clear indication that Paul believed Jesus was God. Also quoted in Rom. 14:11.